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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents USPTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2003 (Paper No. 18). Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal with a two month extension of time on December 15, 2003. Applicants believe that no extension of time is required with the instant response, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.